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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Micosoft Settlement

Attached is a letter expressing my opinions about the Microsoft Settlement.
Please give it your consideration.

Thank You, Richard Englund

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

After following the political grandstanding for over three years now, I ask that the government accept the settlement deal with Microsoft and move on to more important business. Microsoft's existence has, without question, provided more benefit than harm in the world and should be rewarded with this compromise.

The decision by Judge Jackson was over the line and showed a lack of understanding of the technology industry. This is not a time for bringing down the big guy, as the court-mediated settlement is more than generous, even exceeding some government demands. Competitors will have unprecedented access to Windows internal source code and be able to license intellectual property, while computer manufacturers will have near-free reign to alternate Microsoft and non-Microsoft software without a cost.

This capitulation will do more than necessary to revive the competition and should more than suffice when the final judgment is made. Please take the reasonable course and keep this company together, as any further disruption would only hurt everyone involved.

Sincerely,

Richard Englund